

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, OVIP, EG, SA  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY EGYPTIAN FONMIN TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: CAIRO 8784 (NOTAL)

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, FONMIN KAMEL HAS BEEN URGING SADAT TO PERMIT HIM VISIT SAUDI ARABIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVTS. KAMEL WAS HEARTENED BY SAUDI FONMIN SAID BIN FAISAL'S UNCHARACTERISTICALLY POSITIVE COMMENTS ON SADAT INITIATIVE ALLEGEDLY MADE DURING RECENT AL FONMINS MEETING. SADAT'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIGHT FOR SUCH A VISIT.

2. KAMEL, WHO ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MORE VOCAL SAUDI SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVE (AND TO ARAB SOLIDARITY) HAS CONTINUED TO PRESS SADAT TO APPROVE SUCH A VISIT. HE TOLD ME TWO EVENINGS AGO THAT SADAT HAS FINALLY AGREED HE MIGHT GO. KAMEL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE VISIT ASAP AND MFA IS NOW QUERYING SAG AS TO WHAT DATES MIGHT BE CONVENIENT FOR SAUD BIN FAISAL.

3. ASHRAF MARWAN HAS IN PAST FEW DAYS AGAIN BEEN SENT  
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TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH A MESSAGE FROM SADAT TO KING KHALID.

4. COMMENT: IN RELATING SADAT'S APPROVAL, KAMEL SHOWED CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY AND ASKED THAT WE SAY NOTHING ABOUT IT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST THAT WE NOT INDICATE KNOWLEDGE OF POSSIBLE KAMEL TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA UNLESS SAUDIS RAISE IT. EILTS

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